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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA LOWER MISSOURI DIVISION MUSSELSHELL RIVER BELOW ROUNDUP BASIN (40C)

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE **OBJECTIONS TO THE PRELIMINARY DECREE** 

The objection period in Basin 40C closes on December 4, 2017. On November 20, 2017, the United States of America filed a Request for Extension of Time to File Objections to the Preliminary Decree in Basin 40C.

This Court may extend the objection period in a Basin for two additional ninetyday periods, provided good cause is shown and the request for extension is received before the end of the current objection period. Section 85-2-233(2), MCA. The United States of America's request for extension satisfies both of the above-mentioned criteria. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the request is GRANTED, and the objection period is EXTENDED until and including Monday, March 5, 2018 to file, not mail, objections to the Preliminary Decree in Basin 40C. This extension applies to ALL WATER CLAIMANTS in this Basin, whether they asked for an extension or not. The Court will publish at least one notice of the extension in the Billings Gazette in Billings, Montana, the Roundup Record-Tribune & Winnett Times in Roundup, Montana, the Independent Press in Forsyth, Montana, and the Lewistown News-Argus in Lewistown, Montana.

DATED this 27th day of NOVEMBER , 2017.

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